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For: METHOD FOR	)	
COUNTERMEASURING BY	)	
MASKING THE ACCUMULATOR IN	)	
AN ELECTRONIC COMPONENT	)	
WHILE USING A PUBLIC KEY	)	
CRYPTOGRAPHIC ALGORITHM	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend the application as follows.